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From: Robert Frances, P. E. Director  
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Subject: Testimony Council Bill No -2010

Date: April 23, 2010

Council Bill No -2010 amends the section on the schedule of rates for the building excise tax. It removes the flat fee minimum requirement of \$400 for the first 500 gross square feet of residential new construction. As the excise tax rate has increased over the years the flat rate has remained unchanged. The legislation removes the flat rate and provides that the excise tax in the fee resolution shall be calculated solely on the basis of gross square footage multiplied by the fee calculator, currently \$0.95. The excise tax will be collected at the current rate until after the bill is passed, signed by the County Executive and the effective date is known.